

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON



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Dear Bill:

Hal mentioned your displeasure over the attribution given to ORR in the COCOM paper. I can only express again that I thoroughly share your feelings on the matter. I made very forceful representations to the editorial staff of INR to reflect the joint State-CIA effort in the opening paragraph of the summary. I was assured that it would be taken care of, and I only discovered how inadequately after the paper was published. I can assure you, I remain a great proponent of ORR and would intentionally do nothing to depreciate its efforts.

Although it changes matters only in degree, I think you have been misinformed about the relative size of the ORR and State contributions. It is true that the original assignment of responsibilities fell heavily on ORR, but a careful comparison of the ORR draft and the published paper reveals a more equitable division of labor. We made substantial additional inputs to the piece as well as many changes in language and structure that fall quite naturally to the final drafter of any report. And, of course, many sections of the ORR draft, for one reason or another, did not appear in the published paper. I think if you had seen an annotated copy of the piece (I have made one and would be pleased to send it to you) you would feel that the burden fell equally on State and CIA. It was truly a joint venture and the paper should have adequately reflected as much.

Sincerely,

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